

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

- A) Claims 1—3, 7—9, 11 and 23 remain in their original form.
- B) Claims 4, 6, 10, 12—19, 21, 22 and 24 are currently amended.
- C) Claims 25—27 are new.
- D) Claims 5 and 20 are currently cancelled.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Claim Amendments

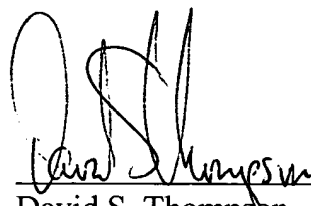
The Applicant has amended several claims to put them into a non-multiply dependent format, which is consistent with US practice.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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